

Glendale Glitters December Weekends

On Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 4 – 19, downtown Glendale will be aglow with 1.5 million sparkling holiday lights, and Murphy Park will be filled with entertainment, arts and crafts and delicious food. Each weekend has a special theme with fun for all ages. Events take place 6 - 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings. INFO: glendaleaz.com/events or 623-930-2299



Dec. 4 & 5



Dec. 11 & 12



Dec. 18 & 19

All non-festival evenings from Nov. 29 – Dec. 17 & Dec. 20 – Jan. 8, Downtown Holiday Lights Display:

Between Glendale's ever-popular festivals and even after Santa has returned to the North Pole, the 1.5 million downtown holiday lights will remain on every night from 5 - 11 p.m. through Jan. 8. Our next event will be the Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party on Jan. 9.

Glendale Vintage Civic Pride Keepsake Ornaments at Special Holiday Price While Supplies Last!

The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors have vintage collectible ornaments for sale. The collection includes ornaments featuring the Glendale Civic Center, Glendale Fire Station #157 and mural, Glendale's award winning Fiesta of Light Parade Float, The Veteran's Memorial, Jobing.com Arena (now Gila River Arena), Historic Sahuaro Ranch Park, University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale Centennial (1910-2010), Thunderbird Tower and Glitter & Glow. Quantities are limited and only available while supplies last for the special price of \$5 each (normally \$10 - \$13 each). The 2013 Cerreta Candy Company ornament is still available as well for \$16. The ornaments are beautifully packaged for gift-giving and can be purchased at the Glendale Visitor Center (5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140). INFO: 623-930-4500 or visitglendale.com

Holiday Carriage Rides Begin Nov. 29

Horse & carriage rides in historic downtown Glendale will run nightly during our non-event nights during the holiday lighting season, beginning Nov. 29 from 6 - 9 p.m. (depending on weather and demand). The carriage ride line forms at 58th Avenue & Glenn. Rides cost \$25 per carriage (up to 6 people) and take you through 6 blocks of historic downtown Glendale. Carriage rides will not be available during our event nights. INFO: glendaleaz.com/events or 623-930-2299

What is Glendale's Transportation Future? We Need Your Input!

Transportation is important because it is how we get to and from school, work, shopping, medical appointments, recreation, entertainment, and more. The City of Glendale is updating its Transportation Master Plan, which will lay out how the City's Transportation System will improve and change over the next 25 years: how vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, transit, and aviation will move, how investments will be prioritized and how decisions will be made.

The more involvement and input we can get from residents, businesses and visitors, the better the plan will be.



What are your ideas to improve how Glendale moves?

Please visit www.glendaleaztmp.com to learn more, complete a short survey and give us your comments using an interactive map tool.

9th Annual Santa's Workshop, Dec. 12

Holiday shopping just got easier! Kids of all ages are invited to this special event where they can purchase holiday presents (priced \$2 per item) for their friends, family and even their pets. Santa's elves will be on site to wrap their purchases. Join us at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center (5600 W. Union Hills Drive) on Sat., Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. – Noon. INFO: 623-930-4610



A Message from Councilmember Gary Sherwood

What will our community look like in the next 25 years? A citizen's general plan steering committee is looking at this today and our Glendale citizens will be voting on this next August. Here is my vision for Glendale 2040 – population will be at 261,400. Our challenges will be met by strong leader-

ship, both in policy and operations, with focus on strong economic development, transportation and education. The Elizabeth R. Finn Courthouse will be opened; Glendale Ave. finally sees its explosiveness thru economic development inspired by the courthouse, light rail, pedestrian zone between 55th & 59th avenues and historic motif condos built downtown. Downtown expands its reputation as AZ events capital by adding various music genres year round. Light rail (joining Mesa, Tempe, and Phoenix) is operational from Glendale/43rd Avenues out to the Sports & Entertainment area at 95th Avenue. West Valley Resort & Casino with 960 rooms has been an additional catalyst to the area filling out the three mile portion of both sides of the I-101 from Camelback Road to Northern. Due to our five mile portion of the I-303 freeway and the two and a half mile portion of the Northern Parkway, Glendale annexes close to 30 miles of previously held planning area into the city limits creating additional high paying job opportunities and areas for population growth. 59th Avenue continues to be an educational & medical corridor with the full build out of GCC, Banner Thunderbird Medical, ASU West, ASU Thunderbird and Midwestern University and Medical Clinics. Of course this will be done with a financially stable A+ rating and a fund balance sitting at 50% over the policy of 25% of General Fund and city sales tax rate at 2%.

Gary Sherwood
Glendale City Councilmember

Holiday Performances at the Libraries

Join us for one or all of these wonderful performances!

Live @ The Library: Grace Lutheran Handbell Choirs Dec. 3

Glendale Main Library, Auditorium (5959 W. Brown St.)

The handbell choirs will perform on Thurs., Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. and will play holiday favorites, demonstrate different techniques for handbell ringing & invite the audience to join in singing some familiar carols. INFO: 623-930-3573

Glendale Coffeehouse: Holiday Jam on Dec. 10

Glendale Main Library, Auditorium (5959 W. Brown St.)

Members of the Glendale Public Library's Acoustic Jam Session will entertain audience members with holiday favorites. Join us for Glendale Coffeehouse: Holiday Jam on Thurs., Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. INFO: 623-930-3573

Flutasia Flute Quartet: Holiday Performance Dec. 12

Foothills Branch Library, Roadrunner Room (19055 N. 57th Ave.)

Join us on Sat., Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. for a holiday performance, featuring classical and contemporary favorites your whole family will enjoy. Performed by flutists Karen Thomasson, Rebekah Lowe, Emily Bean and Tana Welker. INFO: 623-930-3844

Sahuaro Ranch Park Offers Tours

Historic Main House Museum Tour

Enjoy a trip back in time! Learn about the house built between 1891 and 1898, the history and the people who lived there. Groups of 10+, call 623-930-4201 for reservations. Tours are free and are offered Thurs. – Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Sunday, 1 – 4 p.m.

Ranch Site Tour

Learn about the various buildings, barnyard, trees and groves. Meet at the Main House front porch. Tours are free and are offered on Fri. and Sat., Dec. 4 and 5 at 11 a.m.

My Kids in Sign Performances Dec. 5

**Glendale Main Library
(5959 W. Brown St.)**

Everyone is welcome to enjoy these special performances including sign language and song on Sat., Dec. 5. There will be shows at 1 and 3 p.m. INFO: 623-930-3537

Tell Your Story: Holiday Memory Tree Dec. 7

**Glendale Main Library, Creative Space
(5959 W. Brown St.)**

Tell your holiday story by creating a memory tree with popular artist, Christy Puetz. The Holiday Memory Tree starts out as a conical canvas ready to be embellished with paint, cloth, tiny items, text and images. All materials will be provided, but participants should bring copies of photos to collage into their individual artwork. Registration required, starting Nov. 23. This workshop will take place on Mon., Dec. 7 from 6 – 8 p.m. INFO: 623-930-3573

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